

my colleagues, we've got to have faith in the American people. They are ahead of us on this. They are ready. This is one of those rare moments when the American people are asking us to be bold, when they are asking us to go one step further.

I have a brother who has been in the financial services industry for 20 or 30 years. He sent me a text last night, which read: Keep the cuts coming, baby.

The lack of leadership the White House is providing on this issue is stunning. You have to lead. The American people are ahead of us. To get back to real FY08 spending levels, to actually get \$100 billion in cuts, my colleagues, don't be afraid of that. That's what the American people want.

Mr. DICKS. I yield 1 minute to the distinguished chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS).

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. I thank the gentleman for yielding time.

I am in opposition to this amendment, Madam Chairman. The House Republican package that we have before us already represents the largest reduction in discretionary spending in the history of the Nation. It is a historic package with much needed spending cuts and reductions that meet and exceed the pledged goal of cutting \$100 billion.

In this package, there is \$106 billion in cut spending, including the termination of 150 programs. These reductions were tough, thoughtful, and were made by the people who know those programs best. They went through the budget line by line, cutting or eliminating programs that don't work or that we can no longer afford. The subcommittee chairs, the staff, and our Members worked around the clock to make it happen. They did the hard work of getting deep into the weeds, making the best possible choices of exactly where and how to make these cuts.

In contrast, rather than make careful decisions on specific programs, the Jordan amendment hits everything indiscriminately and in a heavy-handed way. We were elected to make choices, not run on automatic pilot.

The Acting CHAIR. The Committee will rise informally.

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KLINE) assumed the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 266. An act to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

S. 307. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 217 West King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, as the "W. Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

S. 365. An act to make a technical amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

The Committee resumed its sitting.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE).

Mr. FLAKE. I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

The gentleman before said, in the base bill, these represent the largest cuts we've ever made. That is true, but we are running the largest deficit we have ever run. We have had the largest debt we have ever had, and what the situation calls for are deeper cuts than are in the underlying bill.

If we are really going to get on the right track here, we have got to understand that we have to make unprecedented cuts and realize that what we are doing here is a rounding error compared to what we are going to have to do with entitlement spending, which is going to come. But to ensure that we can make those choices when we deal with entitlements, we've got to go deeper than we are going in this base bill.

Again, we are running a deficit of \$1.5 trillion this year on a debt of \$14 trillion. The \$100 billion in the base bill is 1/15th of the entire deficit that we are running—just 1/15th. That's not enough. We have to go further. I support the Jordan amendment. Let's make deeper cuts.

Mr. DICKS. I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY), who has been the chair and ranking member of the House Administration Committee.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Thank you for allowing me to speak on this.

Madam Chair, I am embarrassed to be here. I am embarrassed to be a Member of this House right now. I am embarrassed to have to stand up here and fight for the little people who can't fight for themselves.

I was here on 9/11. I was in my office, and the police officers came in to get me out of my office. I wanted to stay. They said, No, Congressman, we've got to get you out. As he's taking me out, he's going back in. He's putting his life in harm's way, and we're talking about taking money from him. It's totally ridiculous.

Madam Chair, we don't want to hurt our little guys and gals; we don't want to hurt our House staff members; we don't want to hurt our administrators, our Sergeant-at-Arms, our doorkeepers, the ladies in the cloakroom who take good care of us. All of these people and the administrators here don't make overtime. They put their time in like we do.

We're running 67 hours in this House today—67 hours. Do you know what it's costing us? \$2 million to put this CR on

a bridge to nowhere. That's where it's going. It's a disgrace that we've got to hurt the little people, and I'm not going to let that happen.

You hear about yield back. Well, we yield back. We want them to yield back their money. We want them to yield it back to us. They do an excellent job.

Madam Chair, I don't want them to yield back. I'm not going to let them yield back. I'm not even yielding back now. I'm just done.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Chair, how much time remains on each side?

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Tennessee has 10½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Washington has 11 minutes remaining.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. At this time, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. GUINTA).

Mr. GUINTA. I thank the gentlelady from Tennessee for yielding time.

Madam Chair, I am not embarrassed to be here as part of this institution. I am honored. I am honored to represent New Hampshire in its quest for fiscal discipline, fiscal responsibility, and fiscal restraint.

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Ladies and gentlemen, we are at the precipice of our country in terms of spending. We simply offer an amendment that further reduces the necessary spending restraints our country is demanding. This is about listening to our country, listening to the people who just elected this Congress to restore discipline with respect to our spending recognitions in Washington.

Ladies and gentlemen, this amendment, which I am happy and honored to cosponsor, first cuts our own institution. In New Hampshire, I say to the people in New Hampshire, we are going to cut first ourselves before we make other tough cuts in this country.

This amendment further reduces our own expenditure. And, finally, it takes 5.5 percent across the board with a few exceptions in the eight non-security divisions of the CR.

I support this amendment. I think we have to get serious about spending in this Nation and send a strong message that we are listening to the American people.

Mr. DICKS. I yield 1 minute to the distinguished former chairman and ranking member of the THUD Subcommittee, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER).

Mr. OLVER. Madam Chairman, this is a thoughtless and destructive amendment. I strongly oppose the underlying bill and believe it profoundly limits the transportation options for Americans and will damage our economy through hundreds of thousands of lost jobs. But I do respect that Chairman LATHAM provided oversight and made tough decisions on priorities.

Unfortunately, the Jordan amendment, after all these days of individually considered amendments, does none of that. It reduces every account by 5.5 percent without any understanding or probably even concern for